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KEY EVENTS IN MICROSOFT'S HISTORY

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| February, 1975 | - BASIC completed and sold to Microsoft's first customer MITS, manufacturer of the ALTAIR personal computer. |
| July, 1976 | - BASIC refined, enhanced and sold to other customers including DTC, General Electric, NCR, Citibank. |
| July, 1977 | - Microsoft began selling its second language product, FORTRAN. |
| December, 1977 | - 1977 year end sales: \$.5 million. Employees: 5. |
| June, 1978 | - Microsoft began selling its third language product, COBOL. |
| Fall, 1978 | - BASIC licensed to Radio Shack and Apple. Microsoft initiated sales to Japan. |
| December, 1978 | - 1978 year end sales: \$1 million. Employees: 13. |
| February, 1980 | - Microsoft licensed the UNIX operating system (Bell Labs) and the XENIX group was formed. |
| May, 1980 | - Microsoft introduced BASIC for Z8000. |
| August, 1980 | - Microsoft introduced SoftCard, a software/hardware enhancement product for the Apple II. Sales topped 60,000 during its first two years of availability. |
| December, 1980 | - 1980 year end sales: \$8 million. Employees: 40. |
| February, 1981 | - Microsoft formed the End-User System Software group. |
| March, 1981 | - Microsoft established a network of national sales representatives. |
| August, 1981 | - IBM introduced its Personal Computer, which uses Microsoft's MS-DOS 16-bit operating system plus BASIC, COBOL, Pascal and other Microsoft products. |
| December, 1981 | - 1981 year end sales: \$16 million. Employees: 125. |
| Spring, 1982 | - Microsoft introduced GW BASIC, which combines software support for advanced graphics and other extended capabilities with the industry standard Microsoft BASIC. |
| April, 1982 | - Microsoft opened a European sales and marketing office. |
| June, 1982 | - Microsoft announced a new corporate logo, new packaging and a comprehensive set of retail dealer support materials. |

- August, 1982** - Microsoft began shipping Multiplan electronic worksheet, the first product from the End-User System Software group.
- September, 1982** - Microsoft finishes work on MILAN (Microsoft Local Area Network), linking all of its in-house development computers including a DEC 2060, two PDP-11/70's, a Vax 11/250 and many MC68000 machines running XENIX.
- October, 1982** - Two powerful programming packages were released for the IBM PC: muMATH/muSIMP, the fully-interactive symbolic math package; and muLISP/muSTAR, the high-level language development package.
- November, 1982** - The number of MS-DOS installations rose rapidly as 26 microcomputer manufacturers licensed this 16-bit operating system from Microsoft during its first 16 months of availability.
- December, 1982** - 1982 year end sales: \$32 million. Employees: 200.
- March, 1983** - Microsoft releases several 16-bit languages to run on MS-DOS, including BASIC, BASIC Compiler, COBOL, FORTRAN, and Pascal.